Traffic Police; working of the Police Station; prosecution of cases; and Police Training School.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The steps taken by the Government to improve the working conditions of the Delhi Police personnel include taking precaution not to put the staff on duty for more than 12 hours in a day; ensuring one day's rest to each and every police personnel in two weeks time; inclusion of training programme on the behaviour of police personnel in the basic training course and the unit level courses; purchase of ready built flats for residential purposes; holding of Sampark Sabha at Police Stations to redress the grievances of police personnel; time bound clearance of dues like medical claims, leave travel concession, travelling/ daily allowance, etc.; restoration of casual leave entitlement at a higher level; and sanction of monthly ration money to sub-ordinate police personnel.

Softening of LoC for people to people contact

1094. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of J and K had suggested recently for "softening" the LoC for people to people contact in J and K where families were divided in the aftermaths of the partition and the creation of the LoC; and

(b) if so, Government's stand in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government are aware of certain reports in the media during the first half of May, 2003 about such Statement made by the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Government have always supported greater people to people contacts between India and Pakistan. On July 9, 2001 Government had indicated willingness to consider several proposals for easing travel restrictions between the two countries including through additional check posts in Rajasthan-Sindh border and at designated points along the International Border and the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Prime Minister in his speech in Parliament on May 2, 2003, once again emphasized the importance of people to people contact which could create an environment in which difficult issues between India and Pakistan could be addressed. Resumption of Delhi-Lahore Bus Service is step in this regard as are exchange of Parliamentary delegations between the two countries.

Grabbing of government land

1095. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Block Development Officer, Mehrauli (BDO) after inspection of vacant Gaon Sabha land by Panchayat Secretary in Khasra No. 17/23/1(2-14) under Revenue State of Devle Village, has lodged a written complaint (FIR) on 27/2/03 and asked the SHO Sangam Vihar Police Station, South District to register cases under sections 441/447 against the persons/land grabbers trying to capture/ grab the Gaon Sabha land (Government Land);

(b) if so, the details of action by SHO, Sangam Vihar police station in this regard and details of land grabbers against whom the cases are registered; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, the complaint did not specify the name of any person alleged to have made an attempt to encroach on the land in question. The inspection of the site carried out by the local police in association with the Block Development Officer concerned revealed that there were some bricks lying over there, though there was no sign of any construction activity. The bricks were seized and the local police is maintaining a close vigil to ensure that there is no encroachment.

Amicable solution to Ayodhya dispute

1096. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for amicable settlement of Ayodhya